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**Subject:** RE: Dewey-Burdock Permits

Thanks for submitting these comments!  
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**From:** **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 18, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Dewey-Burdock Permits

Please deny exemptions and permits to Powertech Inc. for uranium mining in Custer County.

1. The Inyan Kara aquifers hold viable drinking water. While not pristine, the water is usable as is. A local rancher was using the water for his livestock until Powertech bought him off and closed his well so they could meet the requirement that no one was using the aquifer. We need to protect all viable drinkable water.
2. Powertech is an unproven foreign company that has no vested interest in keeping the area safe. The uranium produced will be sold to foreign markets, the jobs created will be minimal and mostly short term. This mine will not benefit the US or its residents and can only harm our environment.
3. There is nothing in the permits that prevents Powertech from selling "space" in the injection wells to other companies for waste disposal of toxic materials. Since the price of uranium is so low, is this their prime objective and who regulates what may be disposed?
4. The "best guess" is that the aquifer won't leak but there is no proof! With possible gas/oil exploration in the area, there is the possibility of future fracking which could lead to earthquakes/fissures. The Madison aquifer which lies below Inyan Kara is the source of water for residents in multiple states. This aquifer should NEVER be put at risk.
5. Because of the rural nature of this project, you will not receive thousands of protests but please consider the percentage of people from the area who are against this. If this were to take place outside of Denver, you would receive thousands of emails but 50 people from the area could be 90% of the area population!

Please remember that it is the EPA's responsibility to protect our environment, not to issue exemptions (no matter what the political climate is). You are the last hope for area residents to keep as much viable drinking water as possible for themselves and their livestock, and more importantly, for future generations. Please don't risk contamination for the benefit of a foreign company with no proven record and no benefit to the citizens of the US.

Please deny the permits and exemptions and PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT!

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